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ORCHIDS

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Dear Customer:

I am expecting the following list of orchids from Costa Rica and India in April. They will be advertised in the May issue of Popular Gardening and the Flower Grower, and since the response to recent advertisements has been so great, and the quantity of these plants is going to be somewhat limited, I felt I should offer them first of all to my customers.

Epidendrum atropurpureum: A spring blooming variety with many flowers to the spike, of chocolate-brown and purple coloring. A really beautiful and unusual spray orchid.

\$3,95

Peristeria elata - The Dove Orchid - so called, because the flowers resemble a dove. Every collection should have one of these plants. Very fragrant, waxy white flowers. Summer is the blooming time. \$3.95

Coelogyne cristata - Swan Orchid - One of the easiest orchids to grow.

Sprays carry five to nine flowers of pure white. Winter is the blooming time.

\$3.95

Dendrobium nobile: A really unusual orchid of easy culture. Flowers in groups of three or five, sepals and petals white with amethyst tips.

The lip has a broad maroon spot in the center. Spring. \$3.95

Dendrobium formosum: A fall blooming white with orange disc in the lip. Very fragrant. \$3.95

Cattleya skinneri: One of the easiest of the Cattleya group to grow. Flowers grow in a cluster of five to ten. Color is rose-purple except for a white blotch in the throat. The National flower of Costa Rica. Spring.

\$4.50

Cypripedium fairrieanum: A particularly beautiful little flower of green striped with purple. A small plant which requires very little space.

Fall. \$4.95

Cypripedium hirsutissimum: A spring flowering variety of purple edged with green. Large and very beautiful. \$3,95

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Cypripedium insigne var. Harefield Hall: The largest flowering of the species. A lovely shade of green with broad white margin and brownish spot. Winter. \$5.50

Odontoglossum grande: An unusual flower of bright yellow, barred with chestnut brown. Very long lasting. A group of these in bloom last fall were truly lovely.

\$4.75

Vanda coerulea - - The Blue Orchid: Very easily grown. Blooms freely and flowers are long lasting. Fall is the blooming time. \$4.50

I will be glad to reserve any of these plants you may wish. Instructions for handling and care will be furnished with every plant. Sufficient osmunda fibre for potting one plant will be furnished with the plant for 35¢. Multiply this amount by the number of plants you order so you will be sure to have enough fibre.

This is an excellent way to increase the number of your orchid plants without the expenditure of too much money. The plants may be shipped by parcel post since they will be dormant, thus saving somewhat on transportation charges.

Please send in your order as soon as possible.

Very cordially yours

Margaret Ilgenfritz, Orchids

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